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PROPOSAL

Graduate Council Subcommittee on Funding and Fellowships

Role:

Duties include close communication and collaboration with the Graduate School and the academic colleges to recommend policies for the Graduate Council to consider, as well as monthly updates to the Council and the Graduate School Dean on the Subcommittee's work. Oversight of graduate student funding and fellowships, including the implementation of the Graduate Student Funding Task Force recommendations.

Examples:

- Recommendations to the Dean of the Graduate School on the annual award of graduate student support funds to academic programs
- Establish a Graduate Assistant workload policy
- Annual review of program performance to support decision-making
- Annual determination of baseline compensation for graduate assistantships
- Benchmark GA stipends against national data for competitive wages

Membership Composition:

Two members of the Graduate Council, elected annually by the members; one representative from each academic college; the Director of Funding and Fellowships in the Graduate School (Chair); one master's student (ex-officio); one doctoral student (ex-officio); and the Associate Dean of the Graduate School for Enrollment Management (ex-officio).

Meeting Frequency:

Monthly for two hours.

New Funding Model

1. Create a Graduate Council Subcommittee on Graduate Student Funding and Fellowships to continue the effort of the Graduate Student Funding Task Force in perpetuity.

2. Build Sustainable Graduate Assistantship Model:
 - Create GA “positions”
 - Establish a Graduate Assistant workload policy
 - Establish a GA baseline compensation of \$18K/yr, 20h/wk
 - Annually benchmark GA stipends against national data for baseline and competitive wages

3. Provide Scalable Tuition Model:
 - Resident tuition + Non-resident tuition differential (if needed) + health insurance to master’s and doctoral students with eligible GAs paid from extramural funds
 - Resident tuition + health insurance to master’s and doctoral students with eligible GAs paid from intramural funds
 - Award non-resident tuition differentials (NRTDs) to programs with intramurally-funded GAs based on program performance (beginning Fall 2021)